

To whom it may concern:

I am alarmed at the idea that our Federal government, who is at present fighting a war in case someone may have forgotten, is attempting to take issue with the Satellite broadcasters. Yes, XM broadcasts on demand traffic and weather. I am glad that they do. I am an over the road trucker, and I would venture to say that we make up a considerable percentage of current satellite radio subscribers. As we move from city to city across our great country, we depend on accurate and up to the minute information on traffic and weather so that we can make in route decisions that will best allow us to reach our destinations. The business of getting this nations's products from place to place is of utmost importance. I am sorry that the NAB feels that it is an infringement on their turf, but they offer nothing to compete. I don't care to listen to 30 minutes of Sytar music or 30 minutes of right wing talk radio just to get a traffic report. In some cities, you are lucky to get even that much information.

Please don't give in to this special intrest group's lobbying simply for a business advantage. If they want to corner the market on "on demand" traffic and weather, let them do it the old fashioned way...they can earn it.

I urge you, please reject NAB petition 04-160. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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